

NEILSON GROVE PARENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES – Monday, January 13, 2014

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 p.m. – 12 members in attendance (including Mr. Thompson)

Motion to adopt minutes of: Monday, November 4, 2013

Motion: Stephanie Pettie; Second: Deborah Stewart; All in favour, carried.

Chairperson's Report (Corrine Sepke)

- Welcome and thanks to Lindsay Macool and Shawna Wang, who are now our co-DPAC reps.

Playground Expansion (Marilyn Belsham)

- Mr. Thompson met with John from the District to review areas which he feels are appropriate for expansion. Also discussed the need for new playgrounds to comply with current specs, including rubberized ground in the "fall zones".
- Mr. Thompson and Marilyn met with Dave from Habitat to walk through our site and listen to some ideas that Dave had about equipment that could fit in the current area. Dave recommended using a similar layout to the newest play structure at Cougar Canyon Elementary in North Delta.
- A call was put out for members of the Playground Committee. Stephanie Pettie, Michelle Osing, Michelle Miller and Velda Low are members. A blurb about the playground plans will be put in the next PAC newsletter with Marilyn's contact info should any other parent wish to join the committee.

Treasurer's Report (Deborah Stewart)

- All funds from the Subs & Tubs fundraiser (approx. \$2,700), Front Row Ticket Draw (\$625) and Pancake Breakfast have been deposited.
- This was the first year that we sold tickets for the front row draw at the pancake breakfast. \$95 in tickets was sold at the breakfast. Overall, the \$625 in ticket sales was almost the same as last year.
- Note: A few people have mentioned that they missed the gift card fundraising this year. Possibly something to consider next year.

Traffic & Safety Report (Velda Low)

- Community police were out monitoring the street in front of the school in late November. They will be back for a week in the spring.

Emergency Preparedness Report (Ila Senez - absent)

- Nothing to report.

DPAC Report (Lindsay Macool / Shawna Wang)

- Both Shawna and Lindsay attended the DPAC meeting in November. It was more of a meet & greet meeting with not much to report. Next meeting will be Jan 27.

Hot lunch/Snack Program (Danielle Palivos / Terynn Papadopoulos / Michelle Osing)

- New hot lunch order will be going out this week and will be open for a week (though parents can approach any of the hot lunch team to request that they reopen the system for ordering).

- New vendors have been added to the program. Some usual favourites are still on the program – hot dogs, pizza, sushi, scones, doughnuts. New items will be from Mama Panda, Booster Juice, Subway, and Kernels.

Milk Program (Carolyn Scott – absent)

- Milk order is going out to students this week. The milk order will be on the usual paper order forms.

Teacher's Report (Allison Monk)

- Thanks from the teachers to the PAC and parents for all your support.
- Intermediate classes are preparing for the upcoming science fair.
- Basketball starts Jan 28.
- Floor hockey tournament will be held this week and next.
- Welcome to EAs Laura Hendrickson and Tasha Blair, as well as to Grade 5/6 teacher, Mr. Colin Maishment.

Principal's Report (Bob Thompson)

- Jessie Miller will be presenting at the Genesis Theatre on Jan 22. He will talk about digital citizenship and online safety. Mr. Thompson has some free tickets for the event and will be giving them out. An announcement will go out this week. Corinne is also working on bringing Jessie Miller into the school.
- Upcoming Workshop on Fostering Resilience and Reducing Anxiety held on Feb 25 at Delta Manor 7pm.
- Unfortunately the Artist in Residency Grant Mr. Thompson applied for wasn't approved; therefore we will not be having an artist in the school.
- Hip Hop instruction is back on. A replacement instructor has been found. Hip Hop will begin in early May and the instructor will work with individual classes.
- Neilson Grove and Port Guichon will have to share the responsibilities and the profits from the concession for the district track meet.
- There has been a significant and ongoing issue with lice in the school. The school has been in contact with Public Health and has followed all of the protocols that they have laid out. It was hoped that Christmas break would stop the outbreak but that hasn't happened, therefore, a school-wide check will be undertaken by a team of parents who have been trained what to look for. This will happen Jan 27.

Misc (Corrine Sepke)

- Nancy given a small token of thanks from the PAC for all that she did as PAC chair last year.

Fundraising (Michelle Miller / Esme Kanda)

- Subs & Tubs: This was the first time we held this fundraiser. There was a lot of work initially, but should be easier next year if we continue with the fundraiser. The cookies were delivered and organized by class which was helpful, but the organizing of the prizes (stuffies and key chains) was substantial. There were also some concerns with the company (QSP) in how they handled issues that came up. QSP is based in Toronto and uses paper order forms which caused some problems with confirming orders were correct. We may look into other companies with similar product for the next year's fundraiser.
- Spring Fundraiser Ideas – Various ideas were discussed. The Fundraising team will discuss which idea they would like to move forward with and bring it to the next PAC:
 - Movie Night - possibly combined with basket draw
 - Parents night out
 - Swap meet
 - Craft night – sell tables to local crafts people similar to what Port Guichon held before Christmas

- Walk-a-thon
- Printed Cards with images drawn by the students – there may copyright issues with that
- 50/50 draw at hockey game – it would have to be adults selling the tickets
- Snail races – this may be an idea for the upcoming Fall Fair
- Spaghetti night dinner
- Selling a product of some sort – coffee, emergency kits, M&M meats, candles, Crayola, etc.
- Fashion show held in the gym
- Photography fundraiser – sell time slots and have a professional photographer take pictures – Neilson Grove holds this as a fundraiser directly for the school every couple of years so the PAC doesn't want to compete with that.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:27 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. (NG Library)